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MEMORANDUM FO

A/C MPRRD/IC, CIA HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: Proposed Committee on Foreign Intelligence Directive No. 1

The attached memorandum contains our comments on the proposed CFID No. 1. In the short time provided, we did not attempt to rewrite the memo or develop a new planning and programming schedule. However, based on our informal discussions with the three principals to the CFI, we feel the proposed CFID totally missed the mark with respect to OMB's role in establishing and reviewing the NFIP budget. It would appear, that the 2½ to 3 months of iterating budget/program issues with OMB should be avoided if possible.

The NRO could modify the decision and programming cycle to meet the proposed schedule over the next couple of years. Some of the major issues facing the CFI within the NRP are planned for final decisions in the November time frame for the next two years. This is particularly true in the area of the Imaging Systems, where major studies and evaluations are necessary and planned to support a Nov 77 decision. To accelerate these decisions to the June time period would be impractical at this time.

I would be interested in discussing your views, relative to the merit of your proposed programming cycle.

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NRO Comments

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